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How to Write a Marker Inscription

Writing a historic marker inscription may sound intimidating, but here are some tips to help make your nomination successful!



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Use a Clear, Concise Writing Style

Write your inscription as if you are telling a story. Focus on a single, coherent story and describe the sequence of events in chronological order.



What is the Main Idea?

What is the main idea for your narrative? What are the main points that the reader will take away from the inscription?



Is Your Marker for a Person in History?

Include the person's birth and death dates, a series of important events from the person's life, and the person's influence or significant contribution to their community, San Antonio, the state, or the nation.



Is Your Marker an Event or Tradition?

Include any relevant dates, people or groups associated with this history, information about how this event or tradition developed, and the event or traditions influence or significant contribution to the local, state, or national community.



How Do You Know About this History?

Does your information come from common community knowledge, oral history, or family legend? Are there historic photographs, newspaper articles, or other evidence about this history? Explain how you know about the information that you are presenting.



Things to Avoid

Avoid words like "first," "oldest," "unique," or "only" unless there is irrefutable documentation supporting that claim.



Think of your marker inscription as a draft. The Community Review Committee is happy to help you create an inscription that best tells your story!

